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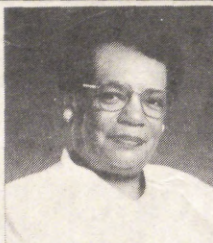
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GLORIA L. CARTWRIGHT

Mrs. Cartwright's life serves a reminder of the endless effort which freedom demands of those who would be free

She began her struggle for freedom while attending LaSalle University Institute of Government where she majored in Political Science as preparation for a position with the United Nations. During this time she was informed about the silent discrimination at the telephone company. Mrs. Cartwright began her fight for justice by applying for a position. She successfully passed the test and physical examination and accepted a position with the company.

This was the beginning of a long career in the telecommunications industry. Mrs. Cartwright accumulated nearly 25 years of service with New York, New Jersey and AT & T. She served in several management position, Group Chief in Operator Services, Chief Advisor in Customer Education and Analysis and Major Markets Corporate Accounts and Executive Offices in the Communications Center AT & T Headquarters, Basking Ridge following divestiture.

Mrs. Cartwright married the late Rev. Booker T. Cartwright and they were blessed with four children. During her thirty-two years as a minister's wife Mrs. Cartwright became involved in several unsolicited and planned ventures to help make the world better.

In 1990 Mayor Sharpe James appointed Mrs. Cartwright to the Board of Commissioners at the Newark Housing and Redevelopment Authority. She served as Chairperson of the Board during some very turbulent times, and paved the way for a very aggressive program of demolition and new construction, which continues today.

Her mission is to serve, help and free others as she actively participates in the Newark community, where she resides.

Are you feeling lucky?



Jon Corzine with his campaign manager, Christy Davis, Esq. Ms. Davis is the first African-American woman to serve as campaign manager for a U.S. Senate candidate in New Jersey. Ms. Davis is a graduate of Rutgers Law School and served as State Director for Sen. Frank Lautenberg, as well as former Chief of Staff for the late Sen. Wynona Lipman.

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Ms. Kelly Hilton of Houston Texas and Mr. Eric Fortson of Teaneck/Newark, NJ were united in marriage recently at the Greenspoint Club in Houston, TX

Happy newlyweds smile for the camera as Mr. & Mrs...



(L) Mrs. Margaret Hilton mother of the bride and flower girls Mara & Marisa Grayson; (Below) Bride and her father Mr. John Hilton enjoy a dance



Traditional cutting of the wedding cake and Jumpin' the Broom



The wedding party:
Bridesmaids,
Groomsmen and Ring Bearer



Attended by over 130 family and friends from as far away as California, New Jersey and Zimbabwe Africa, the theme for the affair was travel. Table seats were designated by destinations traveled to by the couple. Along with the

traditional wedding cake, a groom's cake designed in the shape of a suitcase delighted guests who were whisked off to Paris, London,

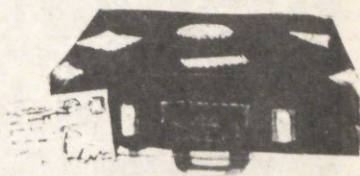
Madrid, Las Vegas, New Orleans, San Antonio, etc. the bride and groom honeymooned in the Seychelle Islands, located in the Indian Ocean, off the east coast of Africa.

Among the many in attendance were Dolly Vengesayi of Zimbabwe, Africa; the bride's grandmothers Margaret Hollins, and Ruth Woolfolk; cousin Sandra Wagner and aunt Norma Kemp; the groom's grandmother and grandfather Mr. & Mrs. Langford of East Orange, NJ.

The groom is the son of Newark native

Joyce Langford, a retired social worker in the Newark public school system and Mitchell Fortson of Houston, TX (formerly of Newark, NJ)

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In the "SPOTLIGHT"

Audrey H. West

NANBPW Professional Woman of the Year

Ms. West is the Executive Director of the Newark Preschool Council, Inc. This grantee agency provides a full year Head Start Program serving 2,500 children in 117 classrooms located in 48 different facilities throughout the City of Newark. The Newark Preschool Council is the largest Head Start Program in the State of New Jersey, as well as one of the largest and oldest programs in the country. Annual funding for this 15 million-dollar Head Start Program is made available through the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Under the leadership of Audrey West, the Newark Preschool Council has just completed the construction of a 1.4 million-dollar facility in the Roseville section of Newark. Many will recall Ms. West's nationally televised honor of having President Bill Clinton visit one of her model Head Start sites in October 1997. Audrey West has built bridges and partnerships with Kean University's Department of Social Work, the UMDNJ Violence Prevention Institute, Grace West Child Development Center, Unified Vailsburg Child Care Center, Babyland Child Care Center, the Ironbound Community Day Care Center and many other social service and educational agencies in New Jersey.

Audrey West began her Head Start career in September of 1990. She brings a wealth of administrative experience in providing social services and human development strategies to the operational goals of the Newark Preschool Council. Ms. West's leadership encompasses a broad vision and a wide range of knowledge, expertise, mobilization skills and community strengthening approaches which were vital to the successful implementation of new programs demonstrating the mission of the Newark Preschool Council: *preparation of our children and families for entry into the public school system - READY TO LEARN*. As the Executive Director of the Newark Preschool Council, Ms. West leads an agency that is on the cutting edge of the national movement to develop family advocacy and sound educational beginnings for our children as they begin their successful journeys toward good citizenship. Ms. West's accomplishments, role modeling and mentorship certainly serve as stimuli for women



to aim for higher standards.

A native of Trenton, New Jersey, Audrey West received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Howard University, Washington, D.C. Ms. West holds a Master's degree in Public Administration

from Rutgers University. Ms. West served ten years as the Director of the Newark Division of Public Welfare (1968-1978) and ten years as the Deputy Director and Director of the New Jersey State Division of Public Welfare in the Department of Health and Human Services (1978-1988). She was the first African American to serve in these positions. Audrey West was also Special Assistant to the Commissioner in the New Jersey State Department of Personnel (1988-1990).

Audrey West's many professional affiliations include: North Jersey NANBPW, the National Council of Negro Women, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the New Jersey Head Start Directors' Association and the New Jersey Association of Public Administrators. She is a Life Member of the NAACP, a Board Member of the Program for Parents Advisory Council, former Board Member of the Carter G. Woodson Foundation and former Board Member of the Mayor's Commission of the Status of Women in Newark, New Jersey. Among Ms. West's numerous honors and awards are: New Jersey Head Start Association Eugenia Boggus Leadership Award, Frontiers International - Newark, New Jersey Club's Distinguished Service Award and Friends of Wynona Lipman Children's Advocate Award. She has received numerous National Head Start Awards for meritorious achievements with Immunization, Technology, and other agency initiatives. Audrey West and her husband, Calvin D. West, reside in the City of Newark, New Jersey.

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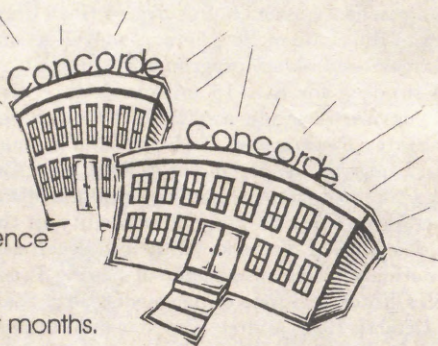
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Don King takes a break from dispensing holiday cheer and relaxes at JE's Restaurant on Halsey & Williams Street in Newark, N.J.

He is shown above with the owners of JE's Restaurant, Diane and Harry Sutton; Carolyn Kelly, Mayor Sharpe James; and Chad Sutton.

PHOTOS BY
JOSEPH BYRD



Well guarded - Mayor Sharpe James' security, Lucinda, Antoine and Harvey with Don King; (Below), Dr. La France Roger-Rose, president of the International Black Women's Congress; and Don, just greeting some of the patrons. What a guy!



The North Jersey Unit of The National Association of Negro **Presenteds Its 44th Annual**

President Louise James extended greetings to all in attendance at the last Founders' Day Brunch of this millennium. And she thanked all of the supporters and participants who have



Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Incorporated Founders' Day Brunch

demonstrated their commitment to our community and loyalty to the programs of the North Jersey Unit of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Incorporated.



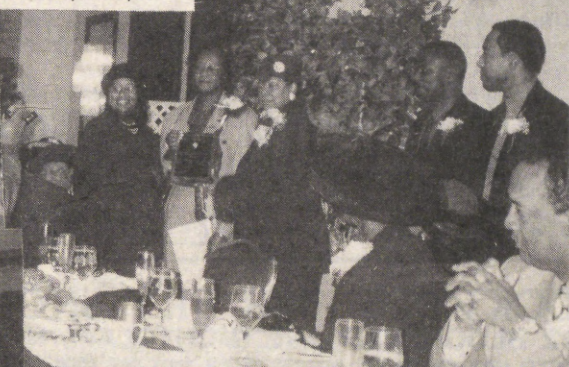
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Dr. Rameck Hunt and
Dr. George Jenkins
Professional Woman of the Year:
Audrey H. West;
Man of the Year:
Reverend William D. Watley, Ph.D.;
Golden Service Award:
Ethel Moore Johnson;
Sojourner Truth Award:
Gloria L. Cartwright;

in addition the following Awards were also presented to Amirah Winstead, *Business Scholarship*; Remy Foluke, *Professional Scholarship*; Idell Brown, *Book Scholarship*; Ruth Milor, *Book Scholarship*; and Summer Williams *Book Scholarship*

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Slick's Tavern is hot and swinging, so says **Perry o Johnson** – smiles... And, don't believe everything you've heard about **Bob Lee Sr.**, he is pretty straight... **Paradise Island, Nassau, Bahamas**, when you're the guest of Comfort Suites tell **Myra Brown, Leon Gibbons** asked about her – smiles... **Charles (Tonto) Gibson** is the circulation man for *The Black Mirror News*, so if you don't get a copy of the 10,000 circulation midget paper, see him... **Carolyn Reese** the executive director of **Plainfield Housing Authority** visiting in Newark, NJ... **Mr. & Mrs. Peter Way**, are the happy homeowners of 153 So. Arlington Ave., East Orange, NJ – a big grand house... **Miss Yvonne Reynolds'** sister was elected Councilwoman-at-Large in Philadelphia, PA, her name: **Councilwoman, Blondell Reynolds Brown.**

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In an interview in 1986, Mrs. Bates said: "I'm 75 and a half. But I'm not too tired to stand and do what I can for the cause I believe in. I would like to see before I die that blacks and whites and Christians can all get together."

LILLIAN WALKER, 74

worked in the Greystone Psychiatric Hospital

Mrs. Lillian Walker lived in Orange before moving to Vaux Hall 25 years ago.

ROBERT EGGLESTON, 90

lifelong resident of Orange

Mr. Eggleston was a supervisor with the A.P. Smith Manufacturing Co. in East Orange for 45 years before retiring many years ago.

REV. WILLIAM OATMAN SR.

helped found churches

Rev. William Oatman, Sr.'s ministry extended far beyond the church, he often took parishioners to the doctor or the store. He ran feeding programs for the needy and was always willing to listen. Rev. Oatman earned the title of bishop with the Church of God in Christ, a black Pentecostal denomination. He also founded the Holy Temple Church of God in Christ in Elizabeth in 1947.

REV. MATTHEW ZIMMERMAN SR., 84

pastor in Newark

Rev. Zimmerman Sr., was pastor of the Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church, and spent most of his life in the ministry in New Jersey and his native South Carolina.

REV. CLARENCE McLEOD SR., 67

Baptist minister

He was an associate minister at the Abyssinian Baptist Church, in Newark, since 1992. He was also the chaplain and member of the Ampere Circle, and a chaplain for the Don Bradley Civic Association, Newark.

LESTER BOWIE, 58

Jazz trumpeter

A founding member of the long-running Art Ensemble of Chicago, the group played the United States and Europe for thirty years. He recorded with Archie Shepp, Sunny Murray, Jimmy Lyons and Cecil Taylor, among others.

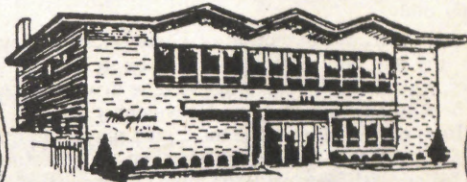
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WHAT IS JAZZ?

I'm asked from time to time, "what is jazz"? I used to know for sure, but now I'm not as certain. But let me try to answer.

As an opener I say: Jazz is what the music (recording) industry says it is!! Interrogative? Here's what I mean, at one time jazz was for more narrowly defined than it is now, but as some jazz artists embraced a "commercial" or, as some jazz purists insist, a "formula Jazz posture, the definition of jazz broadened remarkably.

Jazz, (with the exception of Dixie-Land) as some folks my age and older knew it to be in our earlier years, was of the "Swing" variety. The drummer kept the beat steady and groovin'. He was ably assisted by the Bass player who for the most part played quarter notes e.g. 1-2 3-4. (We would "clap" on, or accentuate the 3rd and 4th beat. In R&B music it was called the "back-beat.") The piano player would "comp" or play chords as background for the soloist. One of the best at this is, Horace Silver. His "compin" would push a soloist to new heights. It is like having a full 'bass section slammin' behind you.

You say: "O.K." "fine"! But, you say in your second paragraph, there is now "commercial" and "formula jazz". How is that different from what you've just depicted?!!

I don't believe that commercial jazz received it's name from jazz artists. I believe that came from "the powers that be" i.e. some folks protecting their investments, believing that this new approach to jazz would need it's own identity. The name "formula-Jazz" is in my view the product of some Jazz-purists who hold that it is a vehicle by which some "Jazz artists"? Obtain financial success at the expense of the art form. They refer to those artists as: "they who have "copped-out"!!

As time went by new categories of Jazz were named. Fusion, Avant-garde, Cool, Modern, the list goes on. You have seen, and may see more descriptions emerge at the annual Music awards creating more areas in which to present awards.

I don't personally object to this expansionism. Many things about us are expanding, including new words in our every day conversations.

Some of the originators of jazz, if there were still here to be asked, and some now present might not agree to all this augmentation, but they know that the founders of this very fine art form shall always be present in some way, albeit not in quite the same way. Nevertheless they are there!! Till next time.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

DEC. 11th - NJPAC cordially invites you to attend Carlota Santana Spanish Dance in Navidad Flamenca & Gypsy Christmas Party. Performances at 2pm and 7pm

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It was with pleasure that the Essex Division of Catholic Community Services saluted the New Ark of Hope Honorees at a recent dinner, held at Seabra's Rodizio, in Newark, NJ.

The concept for this award reflected the type of commitment to service that the employees of Catholic Community Services, Essex Division, strive to achieve. The honorees were special in his or her own way. Without their dedication, the greater Newark community would be diminished. Each of them have provided hours of service, developed special programs or advocated for community-wide change, all of which have improved the quality of life for all of us.

The following were honored:

BARNEY LEE ADAMS (...has unselfishly devoted thousands of hours of personal uncompensated time, to assist minority students to obtain college scholarships...)

ANTHONY F. AMBROSE III (...developed outstanding leadership and investigative skills which earned him positions in the Rapid Response/Robbery Squad, the Intelligence Unit, Homicide, (he nationally acclaimed TARGET Team, an instructor in the Police Academy and Internal Affairs Bureau...)

BRENDA BEAVERS (...is the State Director of Human Services for the Salvation Army. Previously she was the Director of One to One NJ and Assistant Director of the NJ Division on Woman. Serves on many advisory boards and councils including, State Human Services Advisory Council, Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc., and NJ Task Force on Children of Incarcerated Parents...)

WELLINGTON J. DAVIS JR. (...was appointed the first black Director of the Dept. of Personnel for the City of Jersey City. He was later appointed to the Board of Education where he eventually was elected its first black President. He was selected as the first black permanently appointed Mediator at the NJ State Board of Mediation. ...he is an Adjunct Professor at Rutgers University and Middlesex County College.)

D'ALMA EVANS (... has given many hundreds of hours of volunteer service as a chaperone and college placement advisor for New youth. Mrs. Evans was instrumental in guiding scores of Newark Public High School students through area industries and corporations with the Quest/CYO career guidance field trip and seminar program...)

EMMA GARCIA (...in 1960 she was appointed the position of clerk typist in the Dept. of Health and

Welfare. Shortly afterwards she became senior clerk stenographer. In 1974 she was appointed the position of Executive Secretary in the office of East Ward Councilman, Henry Martinez. She served the citizens of Newark for thirty-eight years.)

JOANNE JOSEPH (...along with her sister, Rosalie, instituted *Stockings with Care* a wonderful idea addressing the needs of the people of Essex County)

AXEL TORRES MARRERO M. Ed. (...is the Director of Public Policy and Legal Services at the Hyacinth AIDS Foundation. He is responsible for the NJ AIDS lobbying initiative and is Director of NJ AIDS Coalition.)

AMIN A. NATHARI (...is Chairperson and Director of Community Affairs and Public Information for the Muslim Community Development Association. A community activist, Mr. Nathari also serves as Director of the Muslim Community Center of Essex County and is IMAM (religious leader) of the affiliated Mosque.)

SIGRID PATSCH (... has served as a volunteer, working with people with AIDS and HIV positive since 1992. She helps provide meals, collects and distributes supplies for inner city youths and families, and helped organize the "Circle of Compassion," a group of people who support people with AIDS.

PHILIP S. THOMAS (...has demonstrated a strong commitment to providing New Jersey residents with high quality performing arts experiences. Mr. Thomas is currently the Vice President for Arts Education for the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) in Newark. He is responsible for developing a comprehensive Arts Education Department for NJPAC that includes a performance series, school based residency programs, professional development programs for educators; arts training programs in theater, dance, music and literary arts.)

CALVIN D. WEST (...in 1986, Mayor Sharpe James appointed Calvin as his Personal Aide. "West, who has served 13 years in my office, has demonstrated tireless dedication to his duties and performs them with sensitivity and professionalism" said the Mayor. "He is my legislative liaison in Trenton and also oversees the Newark Housing Authority, City Council, Police Department, United Community Corporation, Mayor's Affirmative Action Commission and the Mayor's Youth Commission, Calvin is also my representative for the National Organization on Disability in Washington, D.C. and was a former vice President of the 100 Black Men of New Jersey."

Among the many guests were **Fred and Larrie W. Stalks, Charles, Mrs. Audrey West, Mrs. Laura Baker, Amy Jones, Josephine Harris, Maureen Dawson, Dr. Reese Campbell, Jeanne Fitzgerald, Louise Alexander, Arline & Buzzy Steinbecke.**

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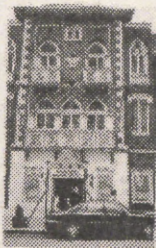
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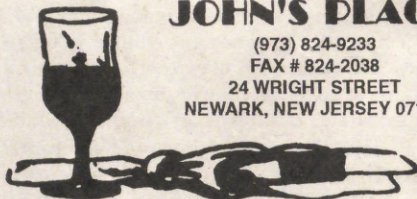
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Well, as time begins to wind down to mark the end of the 20th century things are very hard out in the mean streets these days – the beggars are working overtime, the con artists are putting in extra hours, and the street working girls numbers are growing by leaps and bounds.... What's a brother to do? During *The Shadow's* ride down Hawthorne Ave. in Newark last week I counted 172 young brothers out on the street between Fabyan Pl. and So. 19th St. and this was a school day so most of them if not all should have been in somebody's class room, trying to get educated, the sad part was that cops ride by in their cars and do nothing about it. And I feel real sorry for anyone who has a business in that area, because no one would want to fight their through the crowd to get into the stores. As a result, the next century will produce thousands of young brothers who will have no formal education, only street knowledge. Instead of counting in the normal way, they will only be able to count in *ounces* or *kilos*; and the sisters' main goals in life will be *hair* and *nails*... Money seems to losing it value these days unless it's big money. You can find at least fifty cents a day on the ground in *pennies*. No one wants them anymore. We seem to forget that 100 of them will make a dollar... There's a young lady on Maple Ave. in Irvington who amazes me, she is barely twenty years old with two children, no job, no skills and no man, but she is able to dress well, always has a new hairdo, and is on the scene at the discos and concerts. How does she do it? She must have a magic wand that produces money or an ability to accept a lot of wands that keep her in the mix... *The Shadow* has noticed a huge increase in the number of accidents these days, mostly because we are driving too fast and not paying attention to stop signs and red lights. People drive differently in the suburbs then they do in the cities. In Newark for instance when your light turns green you can count at least five cars going through the red light before one of them decides to stop. We need more four-way stop signs, it will save lives and damage... To the brother on So. Munn near William St. in East Orange: how can you afford to have cell phone when you can't pay rent? The landlord says he hope you saved the box that the phone came in because you will living in it if you don't come up with the ducats soon.... Speaking of not paying rent, I hear the auto manufacturers are making the back seats of their luxury cars into beds, so if you don't keep up the payments at least you will have a place to sleep... Why does the brother who drives that fine 'Beemer' with the spoiler kit on the back, park his car at a different place each night? It's never in front of his house in South Orange. It couldn't be that he is ducking the tow truck is it?

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Black and Latino lawyers stand defiant against police profiling

By Carl Chase
Staff Writer

EAST ORANGE — Leaders of the Garden State Bar Association and the Hispanic Bar Association stood together recently to condemn the rampant use of profiling by law enforcement agencies in New Jersey.

"As officers of the court, we are appalled at the continued denial by the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey and the leadership of the New Jersey State Police that illegal racial profiling has been and continues to be practiced by some state police officers," the group's president, John E. Page, said in a press conference in East Orange on April 14.

"In fact, figures from the U.S. Justice Department and the U.S. House Judiciary Committee indicate that 72 percent of drivers pulled over for routine traffic stops are African-American," he added. "However, African Americans make up only 14 percent of the national population. The evidence is clear and overwhelming."

"As citizens of the United States and residents of the State of New Jersey, we know that racial profiling exists. In fact, it lessens us and debases us as citizens," he said. "Many of us, whether male or female, have been personally stopped while driving on the highways and in the neighborhoods of this state where we live and work. Our children have been stopped. We have personally suffered the indignities of being stopped by police officers for no reason than driving while black or driving while brown."



Attorney Ronald Thompson of the Garden State Bar Association member Regina Waynes Joseph's personal account of illegal police. The group will offer free help to victims through a toll-free

Hispanic Bar Association President Ramon De La Cruz added, "The facts and statistics regarding racial profiling are clear and convincing to us."

Indeed, more than a half-dozen members recalled their own gut-wrenching experiences on the wrong end of police scrutiny and humiliation. The incidents often led only to embarrassment for cops and a bitter sense that black citizens, no matter how law-abiding or well-accomplished, continue to be viewed by some as the police officer's natural target.

Raymond Hamlin, attorney of exonerated former murder suspect Terrance Everett (proven innocent of killing Police Officer Joyce Carnegie), recalled an example just three weeks old.

Hamlin and his wife, Urban League of Essex County Execu-

tive Director Zoraya Levin, were stopped in the Mercedes by a Hazlet police just because the window tinted. He produced an lashed law forbidding stops for window tint, before the police had had and inconvenienced the Hamlin and his wife were quite upset, he definitely ruined our evening."

He seemed emotion when he added, "My 12-year-old Raymond Jr. sat in the back seat, and he said 'What's wrong, Daddy, wrong?'"

"The tint on my very slight, and you can see inside the car," he said. Hamlin showed the car to reporters outside the press conference at the law office of Ronald Thompson on Harrison Street.

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